



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5623***

LCO No. 2061

Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:  
(GL )

***AN ACT CONCERNING PATIENT ACCESS TO HOSPITAL BILLS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-509 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

3 (a) All hospitals and all nursing homes shall include on their  
4 admission forms a question as to whether a person is a veteran or the  
5 spouse of a veteran. All hospitals shall include on their admission  
6 forms a conspicuous notice that the patient may, upon request, receive  
7 a copy of the hospital charges related to the patient. Such admission  
8 forms shall also include a conspicuous notice specifying the name and  
9 contact information of a person whom the patient may contact to  
10 request a copy of the hospital charges related to the patient.

11 (b) All hospitals shall include in their bills to patients, and to third  
12 party payors unless previously furnished, an explanation of any items  
13 identified by any code or by initials. Upon request by a patient, a  
14 hospital shall provide such patient with an itemized bill not later than  
15 thirty days after the date of such request. Such itemized bill shall  
16 identify, in plain language, each individual service, supply or

17 medication provided to the patient by the hospital and the specific  
18 charge for such service, supply or medication.

19 (c) No nursing home may bill a patient or third party payor an  
20 amount for telephone service, community antenna television service or  
21 other telecommunications service, which amount includes a surcharge  
22 or administrative fee or which otherwise exceeds the amount paid by  
23 the nursing home to provide such service.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

***GL***      *Joint Favorable*